

Trowbridge Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR

1964

TROWBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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MR.CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,

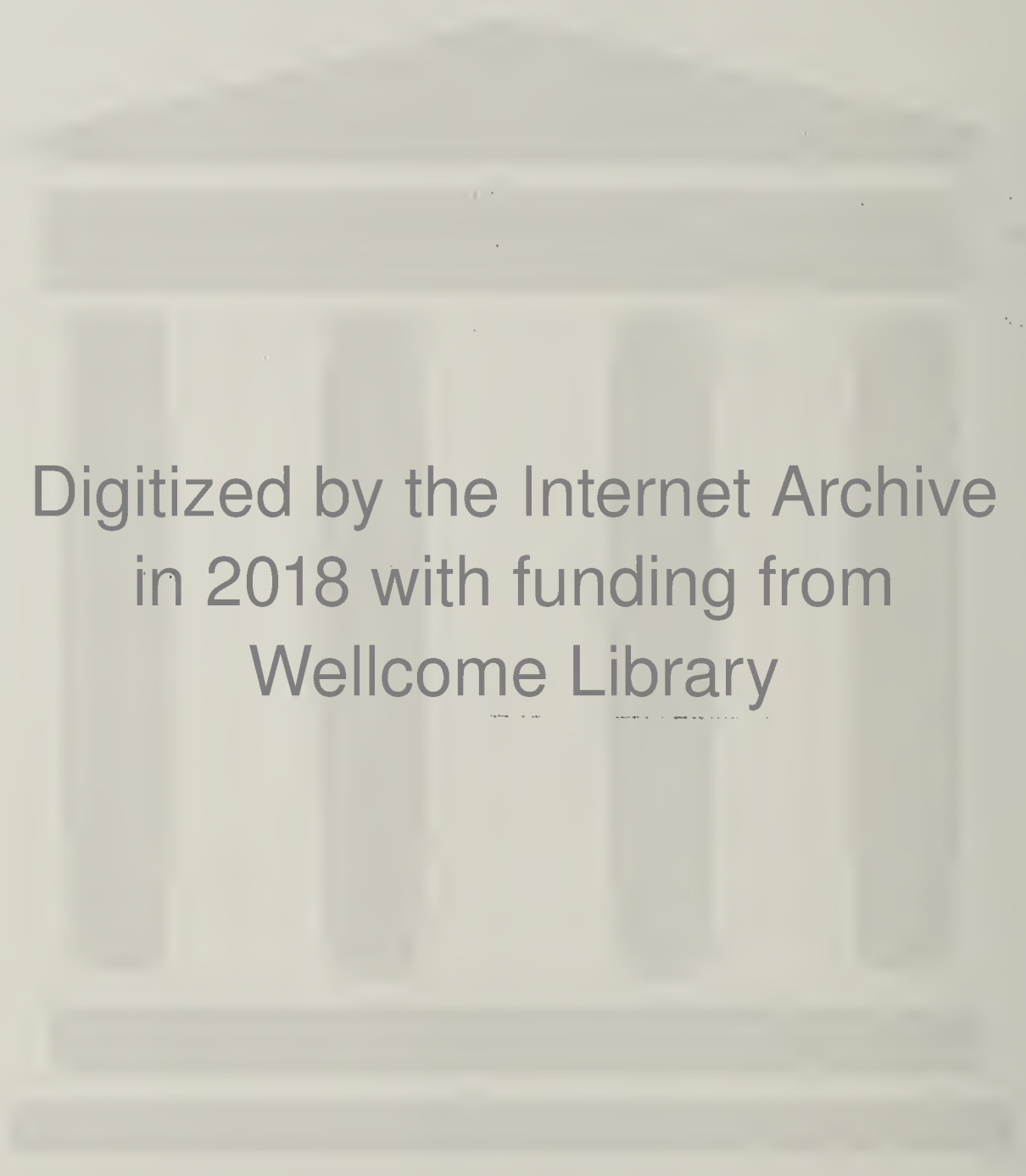
I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report and that of the Chief Public Health Inspector on the state of the public health for the year 1964.

I wish to record my thanks to the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN L.DAVIES.

Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

| | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Area | | | | | 2,250 acres |
| Population ... | | | | | 16,490 |
| Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1964) | | | | | £723,806 |
| Sum represented by Penny Rate (year March 1965) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | £3,108 |
| Total number of houses in Urban District (31.3.65) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,865 |

VITAL STATISTICS

| | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>England and Wales 1964</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS - | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 172 | 175 | 347 | 274 | |
| Illegitimate | 16 | 10 | 26 | 17 | |
| TOTAL | 188 | 185 | 373 | 291 | |
| LIVE BIRTH RATE - | | | | | |
| per 1,000 population | | | 22.6 | 18.0 | |
| ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - | | | | | |
| expressed as percentage of | | | | | |
| total live births | | | 7.0 | 5.8 | |
| CORRECTED BIRTH RATE - | | | | | |
| per 1,000 population | | | | | |
| (comparability factor | | | | | |
| 1964 - 1.05) | | | 23.7 | 18.9 | 18.4 |
| STILL BIRTHS - | | | | | |
| Legitimate | - | 2 | 2 | 6 | |
| Illegitimate | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| | - | 3 | 3 | 8 | |
| STILL BIRTH RATE - | | | | | |
| per 1,000 live | | | | | |
| and still births | | | 8.0 | 26.76 | 16.4 |
| TOTAL LIVE AND | | | | | |
| STILL BIRTHS | 188 | 188 | 376 | 299 | |
| TOTAL DEATHS FROM | | | | | |
| ALL CAUSES | 83 | 112 | 195 | 223 | |
| DEATH RATE per | | | | | |
| 1,000 population | | | | | |
| All Causes | | | 11.8 | 13.8 | |

| | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>England and Wales 1964</u> |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| CORRECTED DEATH RATE per 1,000 population (comparability factor 1.0) | | | 11.8 | 13.8 | 11.3 |
| INFANTS DEATHS (under 1 year) | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 2 | 7 | 9 | 5 | |
| Illegitimate | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| | 4 | 7 | 11 | 5 | |
| INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births: | | | | | |
| Total | | | 29.5 | 17.2 | 20.0 |
| Legitimate | | | 25.9 | 18.2 | |
| Illegitimate | | | 76.9 | Nil | |
| NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 4 weeks) | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | |
| Illegitimate | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| TOTAL | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | |
| NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births | | | 24.1 | 13.7 | 13.8 |
| EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 1 week) | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | |
| Illegitimate | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| TOTAL | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | |
| EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births | | | 24.1 | 6.9 | |
| PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births) | | | 31.9 | 43.5 | 28.2 |
| MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) | | | Nil | 1 | |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live and still births | | | Nil | 3.3 | |

AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS. These factors are provided by the Registrar-General in respect of birth and death rates in order to make approximate allowance for the way in which local populations differ in age and sex distribution for England and Wales as a whole.

The local crude rates have to be multiplied by the area factor before they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales, or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area.

Comparability Factor for Trowbridge in 1964:-

| | | |
|--------------|------|--|
| BIRTHS | 1.05 | |
| DEATHS | 1.0 | |

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

| G R O U P | CAUSE OF DEATH | Sex | Total | Under |
|-----------------------|--|-----|----------|---------|
| | | | all Ages | 4 weeks |
| 10. | Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach | M | 5 | - |
| | | F | 3 | - |
| 11. | Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | M | 7 | - |
| | | F | 2 | - |
| 12. | Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | M | - | - |
| | | F | 2 | - |
| 13. | Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | F | 2 | - |
| 14. | Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms | M | 8 | - |
| | | F | 9 | - |
| 15. | Leukaemia, Aleukaemia | M | 1 | - |
| | | F | 1 | - |
| 17. | Vascular Lesions of Nervous System | M | 15 | - |
| | | F | 16 | - |
| 18. | Coronary Disease, Angina | M | 15 | - |
| | | F | 11 | - |
| 19. | Hypertension with Heart Disease | M | 1 | - |
| | | F | 3 | - |
| 20. | Other Heart Disease | M | 6 | - |
| | | F | 26 | - |
| 21. | Other Circulatory Disease | M | 4 | - |
| | | F | 4 | - |
| 22. | Influenza | M | 1 | - |
| | | F | - | - |
| 23. | Pneumonia | M | 4 | - |
| | | F | 6 | - |
| 24. | Bronchitis | M | 4 | - |
| | | F | 7 | - |
| 25. | Other Diseases of Respiratory System | M | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | - |
| 26. | Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | M | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | - |
| 27. | Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | M | - | - |
| | | F | 3 | - |
| 29. | Hyperplasia of Prostate | M | 1 | - |
| 32. | Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases | M | 7 | 3 |
| | | F | 11 | 6 |
| 33. | Motor Vehicle Accidents | M | 3 | - |
| | | F | - | - |
| 34. | All Other Accidents | M | 1 | - |
| | | F | 3 | - |
| 35. | Suicide | M | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | - |
| TOTAL ALL CAUSES | | M | 83 | 3 |
| | | F | 112 | 6 |

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

AGE IN YEARS

| 4 weeks and under 1 year | 1- | 5- | 15- | 25- | 35- | 45- | 55- | 65 and over | 75 and over |
|--------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|----------------|
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6 | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 4 | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 20 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 7 | 15 | 31 | 22 |
| 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 25 | 61 |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. STAFF.

Part-time Medical Officer, Dr.J.L.Davies, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., who acts for Trowbridge U.D.C., Bradford on Avon U.D.C. and is also an Assistant County Medical Officer.

Chief Public Health Inspector: Donald S.Smith, F.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., (also acts as Authorised Officer under (1) Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936, (2) Pet Animals Act, 1951. (3) Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953, and (4) Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, and (5) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Deputy Public Health Inspector: Hugh Phillips, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector: Paul R.Bramley, M.A.P.H.I.

Meat Inspectors: J.McGhee
G.Pollitt.

Clerk-typist: Mrs.N.M.Hillyer.

Rodent Operator: T.Richards.

2. (a) Laboratory Facilities. (1) Public Health Laboratory, Salisbury, (2) Public Health Laboratory, Bath, (3) Waterfall and O'Brien, Bristol.

(b) Ambulance Facilities. The County Council's Ambulance Station for this area is at Hilperton Road, Trowbridge.

(c) Nursing in the Home. There are two district nurses and one midwife.

(d) Home Helps. The County Council Home Help service is well established and great assistance has been given in cases of illness and infirmity. It should be clearly understood that Home Helps are not intended, and should not be expected to undertake any nursing - their duties are household ones only.

(e) The new County Council Clinic in the Halve was opened in October and the area offices of the Welfare and Mental Health departments are also contained in the new building.

The Infant Welfare Clinic is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m.

Immunisation. A session is held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Specialists clinics are held at various times by appointment.

Claverton Hospital, Bath, is the main hospital for infectious diseases for a wide area, and all serious ones, Poliomyelitis for example, are admitted directly there.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 AS
AMENDED BY NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No action was taken under this Act during 1964.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

Samples of water which is supplied by the West Wilts Water Board are taken regularly by this Department and sent to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination. All samples taken during 1964 were satisfactory.

A sample was also taken for Chemical Analysis. The figures which are appended indicate a high standard of chemical purity.

"Appearance: Clear, colourless. No sediment. Odourless.

Reaction: pH 7.3

| | | | <u>Parts per Million</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Ammonia (As N) | | | |
| Free | | | 0.023 |
| Albuminoid | | | 0.010 |
| Chlorine (as Chlorides) | | | 11.5 |
| equivalent to Sodium Chloride | | | 19 |
| Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs) | | | 0.22 |
| Nitrogen in Nitrite | trace, less than | | 0.01 |
| Nitrogen in Nitrate | | | 0.7 |
| Total Solids | | | 376 |
| Loss on ignition | | | 13 |
| Appearance on ignition | | | No charring |
| Hardness: Temporary | | | 278 |
| Permanent | | | <u>26</u> |
| Total | | | 304 |
| Lead Pb | Less than | | 0.1 |
| Copper Cu | Less than | | 0.1" |

I am indebted to the Surveyor, Mr.G.S.Day, for the information under the next three headings.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Wyke Refuse Tip was finally closed down in June and thereafter all refuse has been dealt with at the old tip at the Sewage Works, chiefly by burning on the tip, pending the acquisition of the proposed new tipping site adjacent.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Following the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in October, 1963 in respect of land required for the reorganisation and extension of the Sewage Disposal Works, further information required by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was submitted during the year but by the end of 1964 no date had

been fixed for the holding of a Public Inquiry into the Order.

SEWERAGE.

The remaining sections of the new surface water sewer from Bradley Road, through the Grove Estate and Bradley Gardens Estate to the outfall to stream on to the urban district boundary were completed.

The new relief surface water sewer from Victoria Road through Osbourne Estate to outfall to the brook North of Victoria Road was constructed.

A number of lengths of sewers in the district were cleansed by mechanical plant, the work being done by a firm of contractors.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

Ten samples of water were taken from the open-air bathing pool during the year and sent to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination. All samples were reported free from pollution.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE.

From June 1964 the Mobile Unit visited St. Stephen's Place, Trowbridge at fortnightly intervals from 10-12 a.m. on Thursdays to enable adults to have an X-ray of the chest free of charge. In 1964 two-hundred and twenty-two people attended and six abnormalities were found.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN 1964.

| Age Group | Scarlet Fever | | Whooping Cough | | Acute Paralytic | | Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic | | Measles | | Dysentery | |
|---------------|-----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|---|---------|---|-------------------|---|
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Under 1 year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 9 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 - 14 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 24 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Age unknown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Age Group | Acute Pneumonia | | Erysipelas | | Food poisoning | | Tuberculosis Respiratory | | Other | | Puerperal Pyrexia | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Under 5 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 14 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 24 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 44 " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 64 " | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Age unknown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | 7 |

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures for immunisation and vaccination carried out in Trowbridge during the year.

| IMMUNISATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS, 1964. | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Year of Birth | | 1964 | 1963 | 1962 | 1961 | 1960 | 55-59 | 50-54 |
| Primary imms. completed during 1964 | Diph. | 101 | 167 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 13 | - |
| | Wh/c | 99 | 167 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - |
| | Tet. | 101 | 167 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 60 | 1 |
| Reinf. injects. administered during 1964 | Diph. | - | 29 | 98 | 23 | 16 | 164 | - |
| | Wh/c | - | 23 | 85 | 18 | 8 | 63 | - |
| | Tet. | - | 29 | 97 | 23 | 16 | 139 | 7 |
| | | Months | | | | Years | | |
| Age Group | | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 1 | 2-4 | 5-14 |
| Vaccinations | | 2 | 38 | 24 | 31 | 71 | 17 | 11 |
| Re-vaccinations | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | 15 and over |
| | | | | | | | | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | 26 |

COMPLETED POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION DURING 1964.

| Trowbridge Urban District Council. | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Age Group | 2nd injection | 3rd injection | 4th injection | 3 oral doses | 3rd oral after 2 injects. | 4th oral after 2 injects & 1 oral | 4th oral after 3 injects or 3 oral |
| 1964 | - | 13 | - | 37 | - | - | - |
| 1963 | - | 32 | - | 190 | - | - | 8 |
| 1962 | - | - | - | 37 | - | 1 | 1 |
| 1961 | - | - | - | 10 | - | 9 | 3 |
| 1943 - 1960 | - | - | - | 48 | - | 8 | 196 |
| 1933 - 1942 | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - |
| Others | - | - | - | 11 | - | - | 6 |
| Totals | - | 45 | - | 339 | - | 18 | 214 |

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the Trowbridge Urban District Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1964.

By far the heaviest commitment during the year was the maintenance of full inspection of the carcasses and organs of all animals slaughtered in the District for human food and details of these increasing duties are set out in Section "A" of the Report.

Progress was made in work under the Housing Act, 1957, particularly in the Mortimer Street area where the Council made a number of Compulsory Purchase Orders.

I wish to record my thanks to the Council, the Medical Officer of Health and the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and support.

Yours obediently,

DONALD S. SMITH.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

A - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

(i) SLAUGHTERING.

The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations (Appointed Day - No.2) Order, 1964 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations (Appointed Day - No.2) Order, 1964 came into force on 1st April bringing into operation the whole of the statutory provisions relating to the hygiene and construction of slaughterhouses.

The new slaughterhouse at Bowyers (Wiltshire) Limited mentioned in the 1963 report was completed and the necessary alterations and improvements at the other two slaughterhouses were carried out, resulting in an overall improvement in the standard of hygiene and in the facilities for meat inspection.

Twenty-five slaughtermen were licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958 of which fifteen were confined to the slaughter of pigs only.

(ii) INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

With the appointment of the two meat inspectors reported last year and with the assistance of the Public Health Inspectors, the Department was able, for the first time, to carry out the inspection of the whole of the carcasses and organs of all animals slaughtered in the District for human food in accordance with the Meat Regulations, 1963.

Although the kill at one small private slaughterhouse fell considerably, the throughput at the two factory slaughterhouses increased by some 21,000 pigs and the time required to be devoted to meat inspection work increased proportionately.

The statistics on page 15 relating to disease in sheep and lambs are of no significance because of the small throughput of these classes of animals.

A number of complaints were received and investigated concerning foodstuffs other than meat. These included:-

Dirty bacon (2).
Mouldy jam roll .
Mouldy pies.
Mouldy currant buns.
Decomposing brawn.
Foreign body in sausage.
Mouldy loaf (2).
Mouldy cake.
Evaporated milk out of condition.
Maggots in tin of bread crumbs.
Dirty bread.

Warning letters were issued in each case.

A memorandum prepared by the Department on the handling, storage,, display and sale of cooked meats, sausages, meat pies and other small goods was circulated to the occupiers of all food premises.

The weights of meat and other foods condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year were as follows:-

| | | | | <u>Tons</u> | <u>Cwts</u> | <u>Qrs</u> | <u>Lbs</u> |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| BEEF | ..... | Meat | ..... | - | 2 | - | - |
| | | Offal | ..... | - | - | - | - |
| MUTTON | ..... | Meat | ..... | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | | Offal | ..... | - | - | - | 12 |
| VEAL | ..... | Meat | ..... | - | 11 | - | 16 |
| | | Offal | ..... | - | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| PORK | ..... | Meat | ..... | 46 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| | | Offal | ..... | 46 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| OTHER FOODS | ..... |  |  | - | 12 | - | 3 |
| | | | | 94 | 11 | 3 | 7 |

(iii) DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There was no change in the methods of disposal of unfit meat and other foods.

MEAT INSPECTION AT BACON FACTORIES AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES, 1964.

| | <u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding Cows</u> | <u>Cows</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Sheep and</u> <u>lambs</u> | <u>Pigs</u> |
|------------------------|--|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Number Killed | - | - | 3,823 | 9 | 103,048 |
| Number Inspected | - | - | 3,823 | 9 | 103,048 |

ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-------|--------|--------|
| Whole Carcasses Condemed..... | - | - | 24 | 1 | 299 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was dondemned | - | - | 33 | 1 | 13,242 |
| Percentage of the number killed affected with | | | | | |
| hisease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci | - | - | 1.49% | 22.22% | 13.14% |

TUBERCULOSIS ONLY

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Whole Carcasses Condemed | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | 2,957 |
| Percentage of the number killed affected with | | | | | |
| tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 2.88% |

CYSTICERCOSIS

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - |

(iv) THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1958.

The functions of the Wiltshire County Council under this Order are delegated to the Council. No plants were licensed during the year.

(v) THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

A total of 277 visits were made to food premises (excluding slaughterhouses), food vehicles and food stalls. Infringements of the Regulations were remedied at thirty-six premises after informal action by the Department but no legal enforcement was necessary.

(vi) FOOD PREMISES.

The number of food premises in the district by type of business was as follows:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| Grocers, Greengrocers, Fruiterers, Confectioners | 68 |
| Cafes and Snack Bars | 11 |
| Fishmongers | 5 |
| Butchers | 14 |
| Bakers | 6 |
| Fish and Chip Saloons | 4 |
| Bacon Factories | 2 |
| Other Food Factories | 12 |
| Canteens, Kitchens, etc. | 31 |
| Food Warehouses | 6 |
| Breweries | 2 |
| Brewery Maltings | 1 |
| Beer Bottling | 1 |
| Wine and Spirit Bottling | 1 |
| Public Houses | 26 |
| Clubs | 7 |
| Off-Licence Premises | 2 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 199 |

(vii) REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

Number of premises registered under Sections 16 and 18, Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

| | |
|---|----|
| (i) (a) For the Sale of Ice Cream | 65 |
| (b) For the Storage of Ice-Cream | 1 |
| (c) For the Manufacture and Sale of Ice-Cream | 3 |
| (ii) For the preparation or manufacture of Sausages or Potted, Pressed, Pickled or Preserved Food Intended for Sale | 13 |

Two of the premises registered for ice-cream manufacture and twelve premises registered for the sale of ice-cream were not used for those purposes during the year

(viii) MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959.

| | |
|---|----|
| (i) Number of registered dairies (not being dairy farms)... | 4 |
| (ii) Number of registered distributors of milk | 15 |

Of the registered distributors of milk five were shop-keepers retailing small quantities of bottled or cartoned milk.

All milk retailed in the Urban District was heat-treated.

(ix) MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS.

Under a delegation agreement, certain functions of the Wiltshire County Council under the Regulations are carried out by the Urban District Council. Thirty-nine samples of designated milk were taken, as follows:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised milk | 26 |
| Pasteurised (Channel Islands) milk | 12 |
| Sterilised | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 39 |

All these samples conformed to the standards prescribed in the Regulations.

B.- HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

(a) Unfit Houses.

The St.Thomas's Passage Clearance Area Compulsory Purchase Order, submitted to the Ministry in 1964, was confirmed 14th January. . . . The Order comprised nine dwelling-houses.

Following inspections under the Housing Act, 1957, the following clearance areas were declared by the Council:-

| <u>Clearance Area</u> | <u>No. of Houses.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mortimer Street (No.5) Clearance Area | 8 |
| Mortimer Street (No.6) Clearance Area | 11 |
| Mortimer Street (No.7) Clearance Area | 22 |
| Mortimer Street (No.8) Clearance Area | 2 |
| New Road (No.4) Clearance Area | 2 |
| New Road (No.5) Clearance Area | 3 |
| Dursley Road (No.3) Clearance Area | 6 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 54 |

Compulsory Purchase Orders were made covering all the houses in these areas not already owned by the Council, together with seven additional properties the acquisition of which was necessary for the satisfactory redevelopment of the area.

A Compulsory Purchase Order was also made in respect of seven houses in the Mortimer Street (No.4) Clearance Area declared in 1963.

Three houses in the Dursley Road (No.2) Clearance Area were dealt with by inclusion in a Clearance Order.

(b) Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Informal action continued to be taken under the Council's adopted code of standards for multi-occupied houses.

(c) Rent Act.

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair.

(d) Improvement Grants.

Applications for improvement grants decreased in number compared with the previous year.

The introduction of the Housing Act, 1964 made possible an increase in the amount of standard grant where a bathroom has to be provided by building a new structure or by converting outbuildings, as distinct from providing the bathroom in an existing room in the dwelling. An increased grant is also possible where septic tank drainage must be provided because main drainage is not available.

An improvement grant mobile exhibition and cinema unit of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government visited the town for one day during August.

(e) Moveable Dwellings.

No sites were licensed in the District but a licensed site exists in an adjoining Rural District immediately outside the Urban District boundary.

Action under the Acts is tabulated below:-

INSPECTIONS.

Housing inspections and re-inspections made under the Public Health and Housing Acts (including survey inspections) 622

CLEARANCE AREAS (HOUSING ACT, 1957).

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Clearance Areas declared | 8 |
| Number of houses in clearance areas declared | 57 |
| Number of Clearance Orders made | 1 |
| Number of houses in Clearance Order..... | 3 |
| Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders made | 6 |
| Number of Houses in Compulsory Purchase Orders | 63 |
| Number of unfit dwelling-houses demolished in clearance areas during the year | 41 |
| Number of persons displaced from houses unfit for human habitation | 35 |
| |) (14 families) |
| Number of houses included in Compulsory Purchase Orders under Section 43(2) of Housing Act, 1957 | 7 |
| Number of persons displaced from such houses | 1 |
| | (1 family) |
| Number of such houses demolished | 5 |

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS (HOUSING ACT, 1957).

| | <u>Number of Houses.</u> | <u>Number of Persons Displaced.</u> |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 | 3 | |
| Houses closed as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 | 2 | 3 (2 families) |
| Parts of buildings closed | Nil | 2 (1 family) |

REPAIRS.

Number of unfit houses made fit:-

| | |
|--|-----|
| (i) After informal action by local authority | 25 |
| (ii) After formal notice under | |
| (a) Public Health Acts | Nil |
| (b) Sections 9 and 16 of Housing Act, 1957 | Nil |
| (iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 | Nil |

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR (RENT ACT, 1957).

Number of applications for certificates Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Discretionary -

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of formal applications received | Nil |
| Number of schemes completed | Nil |

Standard -

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of formal applications received | 14 |
| Number of formal applications approved | 13 |
| Number of formal applications refused | Nil |
| Number of schemes completed..... | 18 |

Amenities Provided
by Standard Grants.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Baths in separate bathrooms | 17 |
| Wash-hand basins | 17 |
| Water Closets | 13 |
| Hot Water Supplies | 18 |
| Food-Stores | 14 |

C - CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

Sixteen inspections and thirteen observations were made in connection with duties under the Clean Air Act. One of these inspections was for the purpose of considering, under Section 10, the height of a proposed chimney shown on plans submitted under the Building Byelaws.

Two notifications were received under section 3 of the installation of new furnaces.

The Council is a member of the Bristol and West Clean Air Committee.

D - NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960.

The principal complaint investigated concerned noise caused by cooling fans situated on the roof of a factory cold store. A baffle wall was constructed in front of the fans which effectively reduced the effect of the noise on nearby residents.

E - AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

No action was taken under this Act during the year.

F - RODENT AND OTHER PEST CONTROL.

The table below shows the very necessary work carried out by the Rodent Operator in destroying rats and mice. He also dealt with wasps and cockroach infestations on request. The soil sewers were treated twice for rats.

The Council has fourteen contracts for the regular treatment for rats and mice at commercial and industrial premises and at one hospital.

| | <u>Local Authority</u> <u>Properties</u> | <u>Dwelling</u> <u>Houses</u> | <u>Business</u> <u>Premises</u> | <u>Agric.</u> <u>Properties</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| No. of properties inspected by Rodent Operator | 14 | 301 | 103 | 14 | 432 |
| No. of properties found to be infested with rats or mice and treated by Rodent Operator | 5 | 155 | 61 | - | 221 |
| Total Treatments carried out including re-treatments | 16 | 184 | 89 | - | 289 |

G - RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

Premises registered for the purposes of the Act 1

H - PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 & 1936.

Forty-three premises were licensed by the Council for the storage of 81,230 gallons of petroleum-spirit. In addition the Home Secretary issued a licence for an installation at a laundry.

Tests on existing tanks were carried out as required by the Conditions attaching to the licences.

I - PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

One licence only was issued under the Act to keep a pet shop. The advice of the R.S.P.C.A. is sought in connection with applications for licences.

J - OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Consent for a further two years was given under section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for the operation of the by-products plants at one of the food factories.

K - OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Provisions of this Act relating to Health, Welfare, Safety and protection from fire were brought into operation on 1st August, by which date employers in premises to which the Act applies were required to register with the Council. The number of registrations and an analysis of the number of persons employed in registered premises are set out below.

Owing to the pressure of other duties twenty-eight visits only were made under the Act.

| <u>Class of Workplace.</u> | <u>No. of Registrations during year</u> | <u>No. persons employed</u> |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Offices | 76 | 1323 |
| Retail Shops | 121 | 667 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | 9 | 58 |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens | 14 | 136 |
| Fuel Storage depots | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | 222 | 2188 |

(Males:- 997
Females:- 1191)

L - FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health.

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (1) Factories in which Secs 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority | 8 | 4 | - | - |
| (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 88 | 53 | 2 | - |
| (3) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 3 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 99 | 57 | 2 | - |

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found

| Particulars | No. of cases in which defects found | | Referred | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of Cleanliness S.1. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding S.2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature S.3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation S.4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors S.6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences S.7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 5 | 4 | - | 1 | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 5 | 4 | - | 1 | - |

3. OUTWORK Sections 110 and 111

| Nature of Work | Section 110 | | | | Section 111 | |
|--|--|--|---|--|-------------------|--------------|
| | No. of out- workers in August list required by S.110(1)(c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices Served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing) Making, etc. Apparel) cleaning and washing | 8 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 8 | - | - | - | - | - |

M. - MISCELLANEOUS.

Two hundred and fifty-six complaints and innumerable calls for advice were made to the Department during the year.

Mr.H.Phillips, Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, attended a course in "Radiation in Public Health" organised by the Wiltshire County Council at Urchfont Manor.

Equipment was purchased for the clearing of certain obstructed public sewers (public sewers to which section 24 of the Public Health Act, 1936 applies) and this was also used for the clearing, on a rechargeable basis, of private house drains and private sewers. This work, previously done by contractors, was carried out by the Rodent Operator.

N. - SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' INSPECTIONS.

| | <u>Primary Inspections</u> | <u>Re-inspections</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Housing - General | 253 | 369 |
| Disrepair Cert. | - | - |
| Improvement Grants | | |
| - Discretionary | 4 | 1 |
| - Standard | 61 | 126 |
| Overcrowding | 1 | - |
| Clearance Areas | 8 | 9 |
| Other Visits, Housing Acts | 282 | 7 |
| Moveable Dwellings | - | - |
| Offices and Workplaces | 2 | 1 |
| Dangerous Buildings | 2 | - |
| Offensive Trades | 2 | 1 |
| Keeping of Animals | 7 | 10 |
| Refuse Accommodation | 8 | - |
| Accumulations | 8 | 3 |
| Watercourses, etc. | 4 | 2 |
| Other Visits, Public | | |
| Health Act | 21 | 13 |
| Bathing Pool | 3 | - |
| Drainage - Inspections | 98 | 128 |
| - Tests | 4 | - |
| Sanitary Accommodation | 8 | - |
| Sewage Disposal | 1 | - |
| Refuse Disposal | 3 | 1 |
| Water Supply | 1 | - |
| Milk & Dairies | 20 | 1 |
| Ice Cream Premises | 7 | 1 |
| Licensed Premises | 12 | 1 |
| Food Preparing Premises | 89 | 21 |
| Other Food Premises | 92 | 24 |
| Markets, Stalls, Vans, etc. | 24 | 6 |
| Slaughterhouses, Slaughtering | 76 | 8 |
| Meat Inspection (excluding inspections by Meat Inspectors) | | |
| - Slaughterhouses | 94 | - |
| - Bacon Factories | 329 | - |
| General Food Inspection | 58 | - |
| Food Enquiries | 12 | 3 |

Carried forward 1594 736

| | <u>Primary Inspections</u> | <u>Re-inspections</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Brought Forward | 1594 | 736 |
| Factories-with mechanical power | 41 | 8 |
| -without mechanical power | 4 | - |
| -other premises | - | - |
| -outworkers | 5 | 6 |
| Agriculture, (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956 | - | - |
| Shops Act | 46 | 18 |
| Clean Air Act-Observations | 12 | 2 |
| -Inspections | 10 | 5 |
| -Section 10 | 1 | - |
| Noise Abatement | 4 | 4 |
| Petroleum Acts-Inspections | 31 | 6 |
| -Tank Tests | 13 | 13 |
| -Other Visits | 9 | 2 |
| Rag Flock Acts | - | - |
| Pet Animals Act | 2 | - |
| Rodent Control | 54 | 22 |
| Other Pest Control | 13 | 3 |
| Premises Disinfested (excl. rodent) | 11 | 1 |
| Infectious Diseases | 1 | 1 |
| Premises Disinfested | 1 | - |
| Waste Foods Order | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | 189 | - |
| Interviews | 63 | - |
| Samples -Bathing Pool | 10 | - |
| -Water | 10 | - |
| -Milk-Bacteriological | 39 | - |
| -Ice-Cream | - | - |
| TOTALS | 2163 | 827 |

